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A Cryptogram

By F. A. MITCHEL

It is said that "all's fair in love and war." Whether or not the adage is true, this story is an illustration of it. Imogene Blair, a comely lassie of eighteen and the idol of her parents, must needs be debating whether she should accept Frank Shackelford as a husband. The only reason why she hesitated was because Frank was worthless except for one purpose—that was to lead cotillions. When Imogene saw him marshaling the dancers, his breast covered with favors and looking for all the world like a much decorated generalissimo, she admired him immensely, and when he stood in the middle of the ballroom and gave his orders by clapping his hands she thought him a god.

Imogene, notwithstanding her parents' serious objections, accepted Mr. Shackelford, and there was before her the honor of being the wife of a prominent society man and cotillon leader. Her father, a hard headed man, who had made a fortune by practical attention to business, was much disgruntled by his daughter's choice. His chief clerk, John Stebbins, had been attentive to Imogene, and Mr. Blair had hoped she would marry him. John was Mr. Blair's financial man and as steady as a church. But it was not to be expected that a man who did not even dance could compete with a terpsichorean captain-general with his breast plastered over with decorations.

John knew that he was the favorite of the parents of the girl he loved, but disdained to avail himself of this advantage. One day Mrs. Blair came to him after her daughter's engagement and showed him a piece of paper on which was written "O. L. 6. R. 9. L. 17." and asked him his opinion as to what it all meant. John suspected what it was, but he was considerable of a wag, a great favorite with the lady who showed it to him, and, withal, quite apt at invention. After studying it awhile he said:

"I think it's a love message. The first two letters, O. L., probably stand for O. Laura. L. is the ninth letter in the alphabet. So we have O, Laura, L. The meaning of the next letter, R., we must fill in after we have finished. U. is the twenty-first letter of the alphabet, or you. The whole may read, 'O, Laura, I — you.' Quite likely the letter R. is the initial letter for the word love in some other language than English."

"Just what I thought," said Mrs. Blair, and without stopping to give the young man a chance to confess that he was chaffing her she whisked out of the room.

Now, when Shackelford had visited Imogene one evening he had taken a bunch of letters from his pocket in order to read one of them to her and a bit of paper had slipped from among them and fallen on the floor, slanting as it fell, so that it lay under the sofa on which the couple were sitting. A maid had picked it up the next morning and handed it to the young lady.

The most easily excited emotion in

the breast of a young lover is jealousy. Imogene felt sure that her fiancé had dropped the paper on which were the letters and figures given above, and these she feared was a cipher message to a rival. She showed them to her mother, who found it convenient to agree with her. Mrs. Blair promised to decipher the cryptogram and called in John Stebbins to help her. Whether or no she believed his flimsy interpretation to be correct, she certainly preferred to consider it so. Taking the paper back to her daughter she gave the meaning John had put upon it.

Imogene was much affected. She told her mother that she would change her fiancé with being in clandestine correspondence with another girl and if he did not make a satisfactory explanation she would break her engagement. Mrs. Blair told her that Shackelford would doubtless trump up an explanation and begged Imogene to act without consulting him. After a long struggle, in which the mother strove to convince the daughter that Shackelford wanted her only for the wealth she would inherit, Imogene was prevailed upon and wrote him a note breaking with him without with out giving any reason.

So this was the evidence on which this conspiracy was based that Mrs. Blair took advantage of the season, February, to whisk her daughter off to Florida and kept her there till the hot weather drove them home. On their return they found Shackelford engaged to a girl whose first name happened to be Laura, with a fortune in her own right.

This was conclusive proof to Imogene that the paper she had discovered was a cipher love letter. Partly to show the recreant Shackelford that she did not love him and partly from the dawn of common sense within her she accepted John Stebbins.

Some time after their marriage John twitted his wife as to her affair with Shackelford. She produced the cryptogram. John looked at it curiously, forgetting that he had ever seen it before.

"What is it?" asked his wife.

"The combination of a safe lock."

"What?"

"Turn from zero to 6, then right to 9, then left to 17."

"Oh, my goodness gracious!"

But Imogene lived to be thankful that she had turned down a dancer for a practical business man and did not mind the way in which the scale had been turned in favor of the latter.

Anything Possible These Days.

"Impossible."

"But I saw it."

"Impossible—ridiculous."

"I tell you it did."

"And I say it didn't, because it couldn't do it."

"I was there and witnessed it."

"Do you mean to tell me that he was killed by a bolt from a clear sky? Do you expect me to believe such a yarn?" he shouted.

"That's just what I'm telling you. A workman on a twenty story building dropped the bolt."—Kansas City Journal.

Lots of Will!

Fumes—I'm going to quit smoking.

Fumes—You haven't the will power.

Fumes—The devil I haven't! Why, I have quit four times already this month.

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By 1925 Navy Ought to Be the World's Strongest

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—War plans for the navy to meet any emergency are kept well up to date at all times, Captain McKean of the bureau of operations yesterday told the House naval committee. His statement was affirmed by a letter from Admiral Dewey to Chairman Padgett. Captain McKean saw no benefit from the creation of a general staff.

Confidential information about the building programs of European navies, weaknesses of the American fleet and results of recent maneuvers and war college games, was given to the committee Thursday by Rear-Admiral Grant, commanding the submarine fleet, and Captain McKean. Both officials expressed the opinion that even with the administration's five-year building program completed, the United States would be a poor third among naval powers.

The witnesses agreed that battle cruisers were more urgently needed than battleships and recommended the construction of four such vessels this year, if Congress would authorize no more capital ships, rather than two battleships and two battle cruisers as proposed.

Captain McKean told the committee that the proposed five-year building plan was based on the best judgment of the navy department and that it was the only definite naval increase program ever presented for approval by Congress and that it was calculated to give the country's shipbuilders an idea of what they might look forward to.

Captain McKean said he thought the plan outlined by the general board of establishing a navy second to none by 1925 was the wisest one, as the nation might have to face several enemies at once. The five-year program, he said, would build up the navy at about half the speed of the general board program, and he thought it a wise one to follow if other considerations prevented carrying out the larger project.

Captain McKean disclosed the fact that a far-reaching scheme for mobilizing the navy yards is being worked out by the department.

LONDON BYSTANDER FINED FOR "UNPARIOTIC" CARTOON

Drawing Depicted a British Soldier Lying Intoxicated Beneath a Tree.

London, Feb. 19.—The proprietors of the weekly journal, Bystander, yesterday were fined \$500, the former editor, Vivian Carter, \$250, and Lieutenant Bernard cartoonist, \$250, for publishing a cartoon depicting a British soldier lying intoxicated beneath a tree and clasping a bottle of rum. Beneath the cartoon were the words "Reported missing."

The charge was brought under the defense of the realm act, on the ground that the publication of the cartoon was prejudicial to discipline and recruiting. An appeal was entered.

LET THE FLAG FLY.

Appeal for Display of Stars and Stripes Washington's Birthday.

Editor, Barre Daily Times: Will you please allow me a little space in your paper that I may call the attention of the citizens and especially the boys and girls of our city to the approaching anniversary of Washington's birthday, Tuesday, Feb. 22?

The department patriotic instructor of the Woman's Relief corps, Ellen Conant of Bradford, has issued a circular asking that the day be made a day of a great flag rally, so let us once more display the flag and let the boys and girls wear them out of respect to this great man, who was born in Virginia on Feb. 22, 1732, of a family which had come from England about the middle of the seventeenth century. His education was elementary. He was brought up on his father's plantation. He was a surveyor of the lands of Lord Fairfax. When he was 20 years of age, he became heir to the family property of Mount Vernon.

In 1753 he was appointed commander of the northern military district of Virginia. He was sent by the governor to warn the French away from the new forts in Pennsylvania. He displayed such clear judgment in the execution of his commission that he was appointed in 1755 commander-in-chief of all the Virginia forces, with the task of defending a frontier of 350 miles, with 750 men, in Braddock's campaign. He came rapidly to the front as an officer of coolness and military skill.

At the close of this war, he married Martha Dandridge. In 1744 at the Continental Congress, on motion of John Adams, he was appointed commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the colonies. On July 2 of the same year, he took command of the army at Cambridge, Mass., and was engaged in a series of campaigns which ended only when the object of the war had been fully attained.

He was elected president in 1787, serving two terms. He spent the rest of his life at Mount Vernon, dying in 1799. He is known as "the father of his country." His personal appearance was that of a perfect gentleman and accomplished warrior.

It seems most appropriate to make a display of the flag on his birthday, for we are told the flag was made under his supervision, and may we all honor the memory of our first president by displaying the flag on Feb. 22.

Emma A. Lapoint, press correspondent, W. R. C.

CHILD GETS SICK, CROSS, FEVERISH IF CONSTIPATED

"California Syrup of Figs" Can't Harm Tender Stomach or Bowels

A laxative to-day saves a sick child to-morrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish; stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is often needed all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."—Adv.

LAMBERT CASE HINGES ON MISSING PHIAL

The Police Get New Letters Which Orpet Had Written to the Girl.

Waukegan, Ill., Feb. 19.—Lake county officials yesterday had definitely given up hope of finding the bottle which contained the poison taken or administered to Marian Lambert, for whose murder William H. Orpet, Wisconsin university junior, is held. State's Attorney Dudley announced that searchers who had combed the woods where the girl's body was found had been called off the task.

"We have not found the bottle, nor does there seem any chance of finding it," Dudley said.

Discovery of the missing bottle would have been the last link in the chain of evidence woven about Orpet, officials declared.

Balked in this search, the authorities turned their attention yesterday to another method of linking Orpet with the poison taken by Marian. They secured new samples of poisons found in the cellar of the greenhouse on the Cyrus H. McCormick estate, where Orpet's father was employed, and sent these to Chicago for comparative analysis with the poisons found in the girl's stomach. Analysis will be completed, and the results made known at the inquest, to be held Monday.

At the inquest to be held in a little undertaking establishment at Lake Forest, young Orpet will not testify. His counsel will be there, and most likely Orpet will attend. The state plans to reveal its entire claim of evidence. The defense will not expose its contention until the trial in one of the northern Illinois courts, to which a change of venue will be taken if Orpet is indicted. The grand jury meets March 6.

Orpet apparently has resigned himself to jail life. He has developed one or two friends among the other prisoners, but for the most part he will aloof. His mother has been to see him several times. The state is said to have come into possession of 50 additional letters written by Orpet to Miss Lambert.

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"I had eczema which started with blistery pimples along the edge of my hair and went all over my head. It itched so badly and hurt so that I was almost crazy, and I could not sleep, and had to walk the floor at night. My hair all fell out and I was almost bald. I was in the house for two weeks.

"The trouble lasted about eight weeks and I had many treatments, but they did not do me any good. Then I got a cake of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment, and in a few days I saw little fine hairs coming. Now I am entirely healed and have no marks of any kind." (Signed) A. Froelich, Mantville, Conn., July 29, 1915.

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QUICK SHIFT ON TARIFF

Administration Bill Is to Favor Duty on Dyestuffs

TARIFF COMMISSION IS TO BE PROVIDED

High Protection on Most Chemical Products Is the Program

Washington, Feb. 19.—The administration has decided to take the tariff revision bill by the horns and propose a bill of its own covering all tariff changes and other propositions which the business sentiment of the country appears to demand and within the next thirty days the Democratic members of the ways and means committee will consult with President Wilson and Secretary of Commerce Redfield and as a result of their suggestions frame a blanket bill, the chief features of which will call for protective duties on dyestuffs, an anti-dumping clause and a tariff commission. The sugar duties will be retained at the existing rate, but as the free sugar clause of the Underwood tariff act would become operative May 1, it will be necessary to deal with the sugar question in a separate bill. It has been decided that as certain changes in tariff policy are imperative, the administration will stand a better chance of success with its proposals if it embodies them in one agreed bill which shall not be subject to amendment. Once decided upon the provision of the bill, the administration will put forth all its power with the majority to put it through.

It appears unlikely that the Hill bill providing duties on dyestuffs will be adopted as it stands, at least, is the inference from the fact that Secretary Redfield will form the third party in the forthcoming conference. Mr. Redfield has opposed any increase in the duties now imposed in the chemical schedule, but the case presented to the ways and means committee by the chemical and textile men was so strong that a majority of the committee became convinced that an increase of the duties was necessary. The suggestion of the department of commerce that an anti-dumping clause would afford sufficient protection to American chemical plants was scouted by all the manufacturers, who were backed in their position also by the report of a committee of the American Chemical society which set forth a specific schedule of rates as necessary to protect the American industry adequately against German competition. The Hill bill embodied the rates stated in this report. The point was emphasized in the hearings that duties covering only the difference in the labor cost of production, which usually is the governing factor in the establishment of rates and which the representatives of the department of commerce accentuated as the criterion, could not be relied upon, because the German dyestuff manufacturers are backed by the German government and whenever they were seriously threatened by American competition they would throw cost to the winds and flood the American market until their rivals were drowned out, drawing upon their immense reserve funds to support them during the operation. The department of commerce while recognizing this condition, declared that an anti-dumping clause would afford protection enough. Upon this point, however, the manufacturers informed the committee that they positively would not invest new money in chemical plants unless they were assured the full tariff protection provided in the Hill bill.

Apparently the administration is proposed to compromise with the department of commerce and to favor a bill increasing the present rates and covering more or all chemicals but not providing duties as high as the makers of chemicals deemed desirable. The issue of preparedness is an important one in connection with the dyestuffs controversy, for the ways and means committee now understand, what they did not realize before, that high explosives and dyestuffs are made in the same plants and from the same basic materials. For this powerful reason the prospect of high protection upon chemical products is good, although it is feared that the administration bill will fall short of meeting the necessities of the chemical industry.

WEBSTERVILLE
Notice.
The members of Wuchowen tribe, No. 19, I. O. R. M., and of Winona council, No. 8, D. of P., and invited guests are earnestly requested to attend the annual Washington's birthday celebration, to be held at opera house hall, East Barre, Tuesday evening, Feb. 22. Price of tickets, \$2 per couple, to members of the tribe only. Tickets may be procured from members of the committee at any time before the evening of the 22d, and will be on sale at the hall the evening of the 22d. Several big chiefs are expected to be present. Heap big time. Heap much welcome.

How Animals Sleep.
The magazine, "Our Dumb Animals," gives an interesting article on the way in which certain animals obtain their rest, as follows:

Elephants sleep standing up. When in a herd a certain animal will always stand watch while the others sleep, for the big, powerful beasts are timid and cautious at night and will not go to sleep unguarded.

Bats sleep head downwards, hanging by their hind claws.

Birds, with few exceptions, sleep with their heads turned tailward over the back and the beak thrust beneath the wing.

Storks, gulls and other long-legged birds sleep standing on one leg.

Ducks sleep on open water. To avoid drifting ashore, they keep paddling with one foot, thus making them move in a circle.

Foxes and wolves sleep curled up, their noses and the soles of their feet close together and blanketed by their bushy tails.

Lions, tigers and cat animals stretch themselves out flat upon the side. Their muscles twitch and throb, indicating that they are light and restless sleepers.

Owls, in addition to their eyelids, have screens that they draw sideways across their eyes to shut out the light, for they sleep in the daytime.

Silk folded and put away is apt to be found creased and cut on the fold when taken out later. Always roll silk rather loosely on a cardboard cylinder or roll of newspapers and it will remain in good condition. Blue tissue paper or blue cambric should be put around white silk or

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Topics of the Home and Household.

For fixing on small pieces of wood chipped off furniture, use the white of an egg.

To render pie crust flaky, try adding half a spoonful of vinegar to the cold water when mixing.

When cooking sour fruit, add pinch of carbonate of soda to the juice, and it will require less sugar.

After fowl of any kind is cleaned, the inside should be rubbed thoroughly with a piece of lemon before the dressing is put in.

When ivory-handled knives look yellow, rub them with fine sandpaper or emery; it will take off the spots and restore the whiteness.

Equal parts of rosewater and glycerine, with a few drops of tincture of benzoin added, will make a mixture that will prevent the hands from chapping even in the coldest weather.

When embroidering long eyelets, darn along the stamped line in the usual way, and when working the eyelet hold a strand of the embroidery cotton along the cut edge in the same manner as buttonholes are worked over a silk cord. The amateur embroiderer will find that her completed eyelets will be much firmer if done in this way. When embroidering handkerchief linen or fine Persian lawn, embroidery rings often do more harm than they are of use, as they are apt to tear or draw the material out of shape, though the embroiderer is often at a loss how to do satisfactory work without them. This obstacle may be overcome by basting the material upon ordinary table cloth. This will hold the material as smooth and make the work as easy as if it were stretched over rings, without any harmful results.

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